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FOLLOWING REPEAT HONG KONK 4933 ACTION SECSTATE INFO STOCKHOLM
PARIS, BANGKOK, VIENTIANE, PEKING, AND CINCPAC DATED APRIL 19, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 4933

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VM, CH

SUBJECT: REPORT OF FIGHTING ON VIETNAM/PRC BORDER

REF: HONG KONG 2790 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL JOURNALIST INFORMED CONGENOFF THAT STORY ON
VIETNAMESE/PRC BORDER FIGHTING WAS BASED ON A REPORT FILED
IN HONG KONG BY A SWEDISH JOURNALIST WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED
FONMIN SODER TO HANOI. SOURCE SIAD HE SPOKE TO THE SWEDISH
JOURNALIST WHO SAID
HE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM TWO "TRUSTWORTHY" SOURCES
IN HANOI WHO WERE "NOT WESTERN DIPLOMAT." THE SWEIDSH
JOURNALIST WAS REPORTEDLY INFORMED THAT THE FIGHTING WAS
STILL GOING ON AND THAT IT INCLUDED "ARMOR".

2. THE SWEDISH JOURNALIST CLAIMS HE ASKED A VIETNAMESE
"DEPUTY FOREGIN MINISTER" ABOUT THE REPORT AND WAS TOLD THERE
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WAS "DEFINITELY NO FIGHTING" ON THE BORDER BUT THERE WAS
"TENSION."

3. COMMENT: CONGEN HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT
THERE IS FIGHTING ALONG THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THE CHINESE/
VIETNAMESE FRONTIER. WE HAVE NOTED REPORT OF BORDER
CLASHES (REFTEL) AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INFORMATION

GIVEN TO THE SWEDES MAY BE EMBROIDERED VERSIONS OF THESE KIND
OF INCIDENTS.
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